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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOURE TRACES HISTORY OF MPLA, DENOUNCES

ROBERTO, AMIN AND MOBUTU

1. ON DECEMBER 11 GOG RADIO VOICE OF REVOLUTION BROADCAST HOUR-LONG SPEECH BY PRESIDENT TOURE ON SITUATION IN ANGOLA, ANNOUNCED AS DECLARATION BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF GUINEA (PDG). TOURE TRACED LONG AND TORTUOUS PATH OF INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE IN ANGOLA BUILDING UP TO MAJOR POINT THAT MPLA ONLY FIGHTING REVOLUTIONARY FORCE IN ANGOLA. HISTORICALLY, GUINEA HAS ALWAYS SIDED WITH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS AGAINST ENTRENCHED "REACTIONARIES" IN POWER (TOURE CITED NUMEROUS EXAMPLES) AND THIS WAS REASON WHY IT SUPPORTS MPLA AS LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA.

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2. TOURE STRESSED IN PARTICULAR "SCANDALOUS, CRIMINAL AND TREACH-

EROUS" ROLE PLAYED BY HOLDEN ROBERTO WHO WAS ORIGINALLY SPONSORED BY GUINEA. ROBERTO WAS PORTRAYED AS BETRAYING GUINEAN TRUST AND BECOMING "RECRUITED AGENT OF IMPERIALIST SECRET SERVICES" IN COERSION WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF ZAIRE AND PRESIDENT AMIN OF UGANDA. ACCORDING TO TOURE, HOLDEN'S MAIN INTEREST IN ANGOLA IS SELFISH FINANCIAL GAIN. HE MAINTAINED THAT FNLA HAS NEVER FOUGHT PORTUGUESE AND THEREFORE HAS NO RIGHT TO REPRESENT ANGOLAN PEOPLE.

3. PRESIDENT MOBUTU CAME IN FOR CRITICISM FOR CONSPIRING WITH SPINOLA AND ROBERTO TO ALLOW "CERTAIN CAPITALIST POWERS" FREE HAND IN ANGOLA. FNLA AND UNITA HAVE PACT WITH SOUTH AFRICA WHICH JUSTIFIES ITS MILITARY AGGRESSION IN ANGOLA IN NAME OF "WESTERN CIVILIZATION" AND "HIGHER INTERESTS."

4. A SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF SPEECH WAS THAT FOR FIRST TIME SINCE BEGINNING OF ANGOLA CAMPAIGN TOURE ACKNOWLEDGED MILITARY ASSISTANCE GIVEN MPLA BY SOVIET UNION. "CUBA, THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY REGIMES" HAVE BEEN SUPPORTING MPLA, HE SAID, AND IT IS KNOWN FACT THAT "ALL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN AFRICA HAVE USED ARMS SENT BY THESE SAME COUNTRIES."

5. EMBASSY OF ZAIRE IN CONAKRY, WHICH HAS CERTAINLY BORNE BRUNT OF TOURE'S IMPASSIONED RHETORIC, SEEMS DETERMINED TO AVOID ANY ESCALATION IN ITS STRAINED RELATIONS WITH GOG, DESPITE MANY PROVOCATIONS. IN CIRCULAR NOTE ADDRESSED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND INTENDED AS REPLY TO TOURE'S SPEECH,

ZAIRE EMBASSY AVOIDED POLEMICS OR DIRECT REBUTTAL, SAYING INSTEAD THAT ANGOLAN SITUATION IS WELL KNOWN. IT REITERATED THAT "PRESIDENT MOBUTU DID NOT CREATE FNLA, UNITA, AND LEAST OF ALL MPLA," BUT THAT "HE FOUND THEM ON AFRICAN POLITICAL SCENE." NOTE WENT ON TO MAKE VEILED REFERENCE TO CUBA AND SOVIET UNION BY REFERRING TO "STIFLING PRESENCE AND INTERVENTION OF FOREIGNERS" WITHIN THE MPLA, WHICH MPLA ITSELF IS BEGINNING TO FEEL. IT WOULD BE BETTER, CONCLUDED THE NOTE, IF CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF PDG CONDEMNED UNEQUIVOCALLY "ALL FOREIGNERS WHO INTERVENE MILITARILY OR OTHERWISE IN ANGOLA."

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